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## Washington County's Older Population

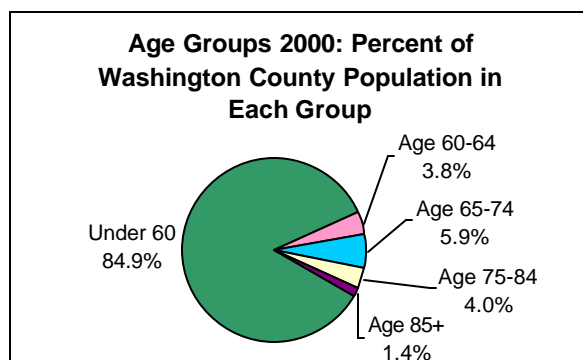
A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

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### Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Washington County is lower than that of the state as a whole (11.2% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been much faster in this county than in the state as a whole (32.9% versus 7.9%). In all, 13,212 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 1,665 of these are age 85 or older. Washington County's average (or median) age is 36.6 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Washington County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	117,493		95,328		22,165	23.3%
Persons 60 and over	17,701	15.1%	13,469	14.1%	4,232	31.4%
Persons 65 and over	13,212	11.2%	9,942	10.4%	3,270	32.9%
Persons 85 and over	1,665	1.4%	1,105	1.2%	560	50.7%



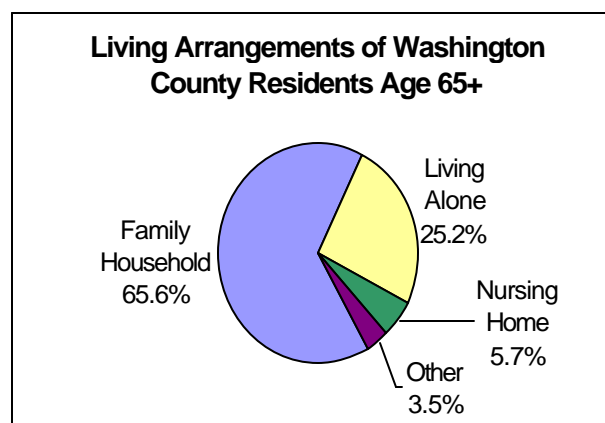
### Race:

A large majority (99.3%) of Washington County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Washington County African Americans have a median age of 26.2 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 21.7 years. Whites, in contrast, average 36.9 years.

### Living Arrangements:

Of the 43,842 households in Washington County, 8,806 include at least one person age 65 or older (20.1% of all households). A total of 8,121 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 77.1% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (65.6%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 25.2% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 4.2% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 748 people age 65 and older live in Washington County nursing homes (5.7% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



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**SOURCE:** U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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